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SUBJECT: SENIOR AMERICAN POSITIONS IN UNIDO

1. DURING RECENT CALL ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM VIENNA FOR AN APPROXIMATELY FOUR-WEEK PERIOD WE TOOK OCCASION TO REFER TO PROSPECTIVE DEPARTURE DURING 1977 FROM THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS OF THREE SENIOR AMERICAN STAFF MEMBERS:

(A) NAPOLIELLO, DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF POLICY COORDINATION (D-2); (B) ROTHBLUM, DEPUTY DIRECTOR ATTACHED TO OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (D-1); (C) BALANO, ACTING HEAD OF SECTORAL STUDIES SECTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL STUDIES, (L-5) AND TO REEMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACHED TO CONTINUED APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION OF AMERICAN NATIONALS AT SENIOR LEVELS OF THE ORGANIZATION. IT WAS NOTED THAT AT THE TIME OF THE MAJOR REORGANIZATION OF THE SECRETARIAT AT THE BEGINNING OF 1976 AMERICANS HELD ONE D-2, ONE D-1 AND FOUR SECTION CHIEF POSTS (ALL OF THE LATTER AT THAT TIME IN AN "ACTING" CAPACITY) IN THE SUBSTANTIVE AREAS OF UNIDO. THIS PICTURE HAD SINCE SUBSTANTIALLY ERODED.

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2. THUS, IT WAS NOT CLEAR HOW MUCH LONGER NAPOLIELLO WOULD CONTINUE TO OCCUPY HIS PRESENT POST; IT WAS KNOWN THAT THE WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO THE FIELD AND, IN ANY CASE, IT WAS APPARENTLY THE INTENTION NOT TO RENEW HIS HEADQUARTERS CONTRACT BEYOND OCTOBER 1977. THE D-1 POSITION WAS BEING ABOLISHED PURSUANT

TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ACABQ ON UNIDO'S REVISED 1976-77 PROGRAM BUDGET AND THE INCUMBENT ROTHBLUM WAS LEAVING AT THE END OF JANUARY 1977. BALANO'S CONTRACT WOULD NOT BE RENEWED BEYOND JUNE 30, 1977. GOEKJIAN (P-5) WHO WAS ACTING CHIEF OF THE INTER-AGENCY PROGRAM COORDINATION SECTION AND HERNREID (P-5) WHO WAS ACTING CHIEF OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES SECTION HAD BOTH BEEN SUPERSEDED BY OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS TO THOSE POSTS. ONLY WISCHEIDT HAD RECEIVED APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF SECTION AND WAS NOW THE ONLY AMERICAN IN THE SUBSTANTIVE AREA TO HOLD SUCH POSITION. IN PARTICULAR THE REPRESENTATION OF AMERICANS IN THE INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION AT SENIOR LEVELS CONTINUED TO PRESENT AN UNSATISFACTORY PICTURE TO WHICH THE US HAD CALLED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ATTENTION EARLY IN THE YEAR.

3. KHANE CONFIRMED THAT IN GENERAL HE WAS NO LONGER DISPOSED TO RECOMMEND SUPERANNUATION FOR HEQDQUARTERS STAFF AND WOULD LOOK VERY CAREFULLY AT PROPOSALS TO CONTINUE APPOINTMENTS BEYOND AGE 60. THIS POLICY WAS DETERMINING AS FAR AS ROTHBLUM AND BALANO WERE CONCERNED; IN FACT BALANO HAD BEEN EXTENDED FROM DEC. 31, 1976 TO JUNE 30, 1977 ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS SO AS TO PERMIT HIS CHILDREN TO FINISH THE SCHOOL YEAR IN VIENNA. AS FOR NAPOLIELLO THE PICTURE WAS NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR. HIS PRESENT CONTRACT EXPIRED IN OCTOBER 1977, BUT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT A SUITABLE FIELD ASSIGNMENT MIGHT DEVELOP PRIOR TO THAT TIME. SOME THOUGHT SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE GIVEN TO HIS SUCCESSOR EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. KHANE AFFIRMED THAT THE WOULD LOOK SERIOUSLY AT AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR THE NAPOLIELLO POSITION. IN THIS CONNCETION HE SAID THAT THE ANTICIPATED NO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIVISION.

HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WORKED DIRECTLY WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS SECTION WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF THE CONSULTATIONS ON INDUSTRY AND THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO MAINTAIN THIS DIRECT LINE TO THE SECTION CHIEF (HACINI).

OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST WAS KHANE'S STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD WELCOME RECEIVING NOMINATIONS
OF QUALIFIED AMERICAN WOMEN CANDIDATES FOR NAPOLIELLO'S POST.

5. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY, KHANE SAID HE WOULD ALSO LOOK CAREFULLY AT ANY NOMINATIONS WE MIGHT WISH TO MAKE FOR THE BALANO JOB, EITHER FROM WITHIN

OR OUTSIDE UNIDO, ALTHOUGH IT WAS CLEAR THAT KHANE WAS NOT COMMITTING HIMSELF THAT AN AMERICAN WOULD NECESSARY SUCCEED BALANO.

6. MISSION WILL BE ADDRESSING ITSELF FURTHER TO THE QUESTION OF THE NAPOLIELLO AND BALANO POSITIONS IN SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATIONS. STIBRAVY

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